

I claim:

1. A method for notifying when an inaccessible resource corresponding to an identifier becomes accessible comprising the steps of:

determining a starting time;

determining whether a current time exceeds said starting time;

intermittently determining whether the resource corresponding to the identifier is accessible until a condition is performed in response to determining that said current time exceeds said starting time; and,

10 providing notification including an access means for accessing the resource in response to determining that the resource corresponding to the identifier is accessible.

15 2. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the resource corresponding to the identifier does not exist.

20 3. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said step of determining said starting time further includes the step of selecting a time access method from one of a retrieval method, generation method, and input method.

4. A method, as set forth in claim 3, wherein said generation method further includes the step of generating said starting time from the identifier.

25 5. A method, as set forth in claim 3, wherein said retrieval method further includes the step of retrieving said starting time from user modifiable configuration settings.

30 6. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said step of determining whether the resource corresponding to the identifier is accessible further includes the step of transmitting a resource access request to said resource.



14. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the resource corresponding to the identifier is intermittently accessible.

5 15. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the identifier is at least one uniform resource identifier.

16. An apparatus for notifying when an inaccessible resource corresponding to an identifier becomes accessible comprising:

a processor;

10 a memory in operative association with said processor;

means for retrieving content from a computer network;

means for determining a starting time;

means for determining whether a current time exceeds said starting time;

15 means for intermittently determining whether the resource corresponding to the identifier is accessible until a condition is performed in response to determining that said current time exceeds said starting time; and,

means for providing notification including an access means for accessing the resource in response to determining that the resource corresponding to the identifier is accessible.

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17. A computer program product for notifying when an inaccessible resource corresponding to an identifier becomes accessible comprising:

means for retrieving content from a computer network;

means for retrieving content from a computer network;

25 means for determining a starting time;

means for determining whether a current time exceeds said starting time;

means for intermittently determining whether the resource corresponding to the identifier is accessible until a condition is performed in response to determining that said current time exceeds said starting time; and,

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